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Letter from Edward J. Hall, Jr. to Alexander Graham Bell, October 14, 1892

(copy to Wm. Chauncy Langdon, Historical Librarian, A.T. & T. Co. June 26, 1935) L Copy of a letter to Alexander Graham Bell from Edward J. Hall, Jr. Edward J. Hall, Jr. 18 Cortlandt St., New York. Oct. 14th, 1892. Dear Mr. Bell:

If it were not that I am a &Idquo;married man" and today the seventeenth anniversary of the happy event, I would give myself the honor and pleasure of delivering the accompanying invitation in person — as it is I send it by Mr. Meany, the Asst. Genl. Manager of our company and have asked him to express to you my idea of the importance of the occasion.

The union of the West and the East is the culmination of the commercial development of your invention.

Beyond this of course there will be an enormous expansion of the business itself and great improvement in details but (with the possible exception of communication by cable with Europe) there can be no event which will so impress the public mind with the greatness of the invention and the wonderful extent of its business development.

We expect here on Tuesday not less than one hundred correspondents representing all the great newspapers of the East. In Chicago there will be a similar gathering and the story will go broadcast over the world.

May we not ask that you will honor what we have done by your presence on this occasion and enable us and our guests in turn, to pay our tribute of respect to the inventor of the telephone at the moment of its greatest triumph.

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Yours very truly, Edward J. Hall. Alexander Graham Bell Esq., Gilsey House.